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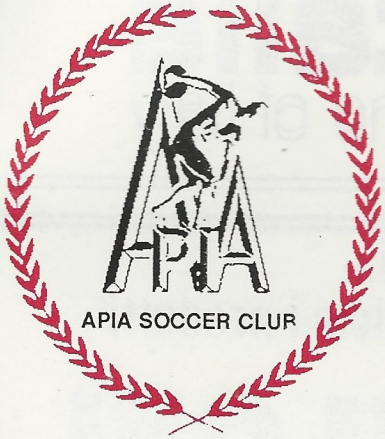

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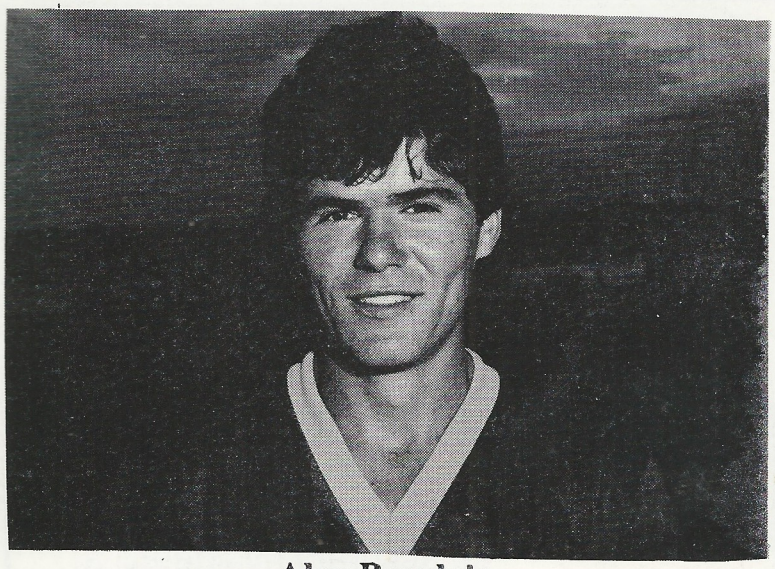
APIA Vs ST. GEORGE



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APIA SOCCER
CHAIRMAN'S
MESSAGE

Dear fellow soccer supporters,

After a disappointing start of the season I feel that the worst is over. Injuries, suspensions and a little bit of bad luck put our team in a negative position in the championship. Nevertheless, the team is in a good spirit.

Our greatest problem is the supporters that are not coming to the matches and that talk, often like to start rumours without any foundation.

I want to make clear that Rale Rasic will remain as coach of APIA team also for next season. The players are happy. What they need is the support and the consideration of the granata supporters.

After all they are only human. With your support the sky is the limit.

Joe Prestia
Soccer Chairman

WEST END

NATIONAL SOCCER LEAGUE

RESULTS

	ROUND 21	
APIA-ST. GEORGE		
MARCONI-ADELAIDE C.		
B. JUVENTUS-S. Croatia		
Footscray - M. Croatia		
S. Olympic - Preston		
Wollongong - Sunshine		
B. Lions - S. Melbourne		

NEXT ROUND:
Sunday 3rd July

Wollongong-APIA (Brandon Pk.)
M. Croatia - MARCONI (Olympic Park)
ADELAIDE C. - S. Olympic (Ol. Sp. Field)
S. Melbourne - B. Juventus (Middle Park)
Preston - Sunshine (Connor Reserve)
St. George - B. Lions (St. George St.)
S. Croatia - Footscray (Croatian Sp. C.)

WEST END

NATIONAL SOCCER LEAGUE

20th Round	APIA-S. MELBOURNE 0-2

APIA: Pezzano, De Marigny, Yankos, Reynolds, M. Brown, Stewart, Phillips (63' Parison), Zajimi, R. Brown, McKinna, Butler.
S. MELBOURNE: McLaren, Fernandez, Postecoglou, Anezakis, Blair, Wade, Kalogeros, Hily, Trimboli, Wright, Tsolakis (80'\Michael).
REFEREE: Terry Seacey
SCORER: 26' Wade; 90' Wright
CAUTIONS: R. Brown, De Marigny, Zajimi, Postecoglou, Tsolakis.

SYDNEY, JUNE 19 - The demise of National Soccer League champion APIA Leichhardt was all but completed when it was beaten 2-0 by South Melbourne in a rough and tumble encounter at Lambert Park. APIA went into the match harbouring thoughts of still finishing in the top five but, by the end of the day, was left with a relegation cloud hanging over its head. The glum and noiseless APIA dressing room told the story of what has been a depressing season for a team which had run away with last season's NSL title. It was a measure of how luck can turn when APIA coach Rale Rasic asked how Brisbane Lions and Brunswick Juventus - both prime targets for relegation - had fared in their match. It was little comfort when the message was relayed that Brunswick had won 3-0. We will have to work hard from now on to make sure we don't get involved in a three-way relegation fight with Brunswick and Brisbane, a shattered Rasic said. Rasic has virtually conceded that, with six matches remaining before the end of the season, APIA has little or no chance of making the playoffs. It is in 11th place on 16 points - six points out of the top five. "If we had taken our opportunities early today then we might still have a chance", he said. Rasic was referring to striker Rod Brown, who inside the space of two minutes, had two seemingly gift chances to put APIA in front. The best of these was in the 20th minute when he was left all alone 10 metres from goal with only goalkeeper Bruce MacLaren to beat. Brown seemed to take an eternity to get his shot in and the result was a weak effort straight into MacLaren's grateful arms. To compound matters, South Melbourne's socceroo Paul Wade took great delight in putting his team ahead in the 26th minute with a header which should have been saved by APIA keeper Tony Pezzano. APIA pushed forward in the second half looking for an equaliser but was frustrated by poor finishing and a strong South Melbourne defence marshalled by former socceroo Steve Blair. Wright in the dying minutes evaded the defence and easily placed the ball past Pezzano to seal the match.

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NATIONAL SOCCER LEAGUE

APIA

Tony Pezzano
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Arno Bertogna
Charlie Yankos
Kurt Reynolds
Terry Butler
Joe Watson
Burim Zajmi
Anthony Parison
Lawrie McKinna
Alex Bundalo
Peter Tredinnick
Darren Stewart
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WEST END

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S. MELBOURNE	10	6	4	29	25	26
MARCONI	9	7	4	37	20	25
W'GONG	9	6	4	27	23	24
SUNSHINE	9	4	6	27	26	22
MELB. CROATIA	8	5	7	24	22	21
ST. GEORGE	8	3	9	34	29	19
S. OLYMPIC	6	7	7	22	19	19
ADEL. CITY	6	7	7	28	30	19
F' SCRAY	5	8	7	31	28	18
APIA	6	4	9	22	29	16
PRESTON	3	10	7	20	29	16
B. LIONS	4	3	11	21	36	11
BRUNSWICK	3	4	12	19	33	10

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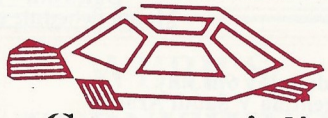

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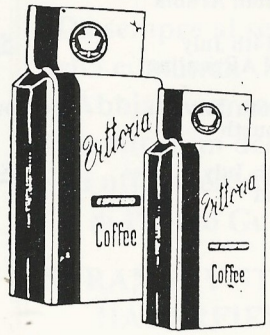

BICENTENNIAL GOLD CUP TOURNAMENT

As part of Australia's Bicentenary celebrations, a prestige football tournament has been organized. Endorsed by Football's world governing body, the Federation Internationale de Football Association (FIFA), the Bicentennial Gold Cup will be hosted by the Australian Soccer Federation from 6-17 July 1988 and will be one of the most important events ever staged at international level on the Australian continent.

FORMAT OF THE COMPETITION

The format of the tournament is to be around robin. Each participant plays each other team once, with points awarded for a win or a draw. The two highest points winners go through to the Grand Final, with the next two highest playing for 3rd and 4th place.

Dates 6th - 7th July, 1988.
Match Schedule and Kick-Off Times

Wednesday 6th July Argentina V Saudi Arabia	Football Park Adelaide	8.00pm
Thursday 7th July Australia V Brazil	Olympic Park Melbourne	8.00pm
Saturday 9th July Australia V Saudi Arabia	Parramatta Stadium Sydney	3.00pm
Sunday 10th July Argentina V Brazil	Olympic Park Melbourne	3.00pm
Wednesday 13th July Brazil V Saudi Arabia	Olympic Park Melbourne	8.00pm
Thursday 14th July Australia V ARgentina	Sports Ground Sydney	8.00pm
Saturday 16th July Third V Fourth	National Sports Ground Canberra	3.00pm
Sunday 17th July Grand Final	Sports Ground Sydney	3.00pm

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PLAYER PROFILE

BURJIM ZAJIMI

DATE OF BIRTH: *9-3-60*
PLACE OF BIRTH: *Gjakove (Jugoslavia)*
MARITAL STATUS: *Single*
OCCUPATION: *Soccer player*
PLAYING POSITION: *Midfielder*
PREVIOUS CLUBS: *Dynamo Zagreb; Canterbury*
N S L DEBUT FOR APIA: *11·987 Against St. George*
CAREER HIGHLIGHTS: *Best indoor player in Jugoslavia*
HARDEST OPPONENT: *ALL OF THEM*
BIGGEST INFLUENCE ON CAREER: *Myself*
FAVOURITE GROUND: *St. George Stadium*
FAVOURITE N S L PLAYER: *Alex Bundalo*
FAVOURITE ALL TIME PLAYER: *Platini*
AMBITION IN SOCCER: *To win again the title with APIA*
AMBITION IN LIFE: *To finish my study*
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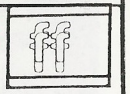

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